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NEW YORK DRY BEAN YIELD ESTIMATED AT RECORD HIGH

Dry bean yields in New York for the 2010 crop averaged a record high 1,970 pounds per acre, up 730 pounds per acre from last year according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York office. Harvested acreage, at 14,800 acres was down 5 percent from last year, and is a record low. Dry bean production totaled 292,000 hundredweight (cwt.), up 51 percent from last year's record low production.

Light red kidney bean production in the state is estimated at 98,000 cwt. compared with 51,000 cwt. in 2009. Production came from 5,300 acres harvested. Light red kidney beans accounted for 34 percent of the total dry bean production in New York. Dark red kidney bean production is estimated at 32,000 cwt. compared with 31,000 cwt. in 2009. Black turtle bean production is set at 130,000 cwt., up 34 percent from the 97,000 cwt. produced a year earlier. Production of all other varieties totaled 32,000 cwt, up 129 percent from a year ago.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.3 million cwt. for 2010, up 23 percent from 2009. Planted area is forecast at 1.91 million acres, up 23 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 25 percent above the previous year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,706 pounds per acre, a decrease of 31 pounds from 2009.

New York production of fall potatoes for 2010 is estimated at a record low 4.83 million hundredweight (cwt.), down 2 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage at 16,100 was down 2 percent from last year and is a new record low. Yields averaged 300 cwt. per acre, the same as last year.

U.S. production of fall potatoes for 2010 is forecast at 361 million cwt., down slightly from the November 1 forecast and down 8 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 882,800 acres, is slightly above the November 1 forecast but 4 percent below the 2009 estimate. The average yield forecast, at 409 cwt. per acre, is down 1 cwt. per acre from the November 1 forecast and 20 cwt. per acre below last year's record high yield.

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